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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regards to the Deaf-Blind Relay Service (DBRS). As a supporter of the American Association of the Deaf-Blind (AADB) and of the Deaf-Blind community, I believe that this service is a viable model of communication for such people, and as such should be strongly considered as a part of the Telecommunication Relay Service (TRS).

Currently, Deaf-Blind individuals are limited to communicating by relying on another person to make contact for them. Just as hearing and deaf persons alike have access to communication sources (and multiple sources, too, I might add) so, too, do Deaf-Blind persons have the same right to communication sources. Now that such a service has presented itself possible with the DBRS, I believe it is our responsibility to ensure that this service is made accessible to Deaf-Blind persons.

If there is opposition to adopting such a service into the TRS, I would be interested to learn why. Any chance that we have to make life fair to all and easier on all, we should fight for such a cause. It is the right thing to do.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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